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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION II

DATE: 15 APR 1987

SUBJECT: Request for Additional Funding to Continue Site Security at the
Arkansas Chemical Company, Newark, New Jersey

FROM: Thomas M. Kady, On-Scene Coordinator
Response and Prevention Branch

TO: Stephen D. Luftig, Acting Director
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

THRU: Fred N. Rubel, Chief *M.H. Zuck, for*
Response and Prevention Branch

This letter requests your authorization of an additional \$20,000 of CERCLA funds to continue 24-hour site security at the Arkansas Chemical Company, 185 Foundry Street, Newark, New Jersey. At the present rate of spending, existing funds will be exhausted by April 17, 1987.

At the request of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on January 14, 1987, and by your authorization of \$35,000 on January 15, 1987, EPA initiated 24-hour site security services at the Arkansas Company. Originally, EPA was to provide site security for only 90 days, and NJDEP was to remain the lead agency for cleanup of the site. On January 22, 1987, however, NJDEP referred the entire cleanup to EPA. The Response and Prevention Branch has performed a site assessment for removal action, and issuance of an Action Memorandum pends refinement of cost estimates.

I recommend your authorization of an additional \$20,000 to continue site security until a removal action to clean up the site is approved. This amount will increase the total project ceiling to \$55,000, of which \$49,580 is for mitigation contracting. These funds will cover security expenses through June 12, 1987 (8 weeks), which should provide ample time to initiate cleanup actions. Your authority to approve this request is established by Deputy Administrator Alvin Alm's April 16, 1984 memorandum,



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Delegation 14-1-A, as redelegated to you by Richard T. Dewling's Order RII 1200, 6 of August 29, 1984.

Approved: S. Luftig

Date: 4/15/87

Disapproved: _____

Date: _____

cc: (after approval)

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